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The Federal Communications Bar Association, by its undersigned representative and in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, hereby respectfully submits for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding an original and one copy of a memorandum summarizing an oral ex parte presentation made to the Office of the General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission in the subject proceeding

Parte Presentation

In re: GC Docket No. 95-21. In the Matter of Amendment of 47

C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq. Concerning Ex Parte Presentations

in Commission Proceedings; Memorandum of Oral Ex

on October 16, 1995. We apologize for the late filing of the memorandum.

undersigned.

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Memorandum of Oral Ex Parte Presentation in GC Docket No. 95-21

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Present:

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For the Federal Communications Bar Association ("FCBA"):

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

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The OGC representatives further explained that it is currently contemplated that the definitions of a "party" or "parties" for purposes of the <u>ex parte</u> rules would be amended in a manner that would make it easier to identify at what point in time, and to what interested persons, the applicable <u>ex parte</u> procedures would govern in a proceeding.

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The OGC's representatives emphasized that the proposals are still under consideration and are subject to modification within the Commission prior to the adoption of a Report and Order in GC Docket No. 95-21.

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